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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 0852

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, SA, IZ
SUBJECT: SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER VISITS BAGHDAD

1. SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER PRINCE SULTAN ARRIVED IN BAGHDAD
APRIL 17 AND DEPARTED APRIL 19. HIS OFFICIAL HOST WAS
IRAQI DEFENSE MINISTER ADNAN KHAIRALLAH, BUT BOTH
PRESIDENT BAKR AND SADDAM HUSSEIN RECEIVED SULTAN DURING
VISIT. SAUDI FOREIGN UNDERSECRETARY ABDUL RAHMAN AL-MANSOURI
ACCOMPANIED SULTAN.

2. MEDIA COVERAGE WAS UNREMARKABLE, AND SULTAN DESCRIBED
HIS HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN GENERAL TERMS AS "CONSTRUCTIVE,
PURPOSEFUL, AND PERVADED BY AN ATMOSPHERE OF SINCERE
BROTHERHOOD."

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3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONE AGREEMENT WHICH MAY HAVE
COME OUT OF THE MEETINGS WAS AN IRAQI READINESS TO
TRAIN SAUDI OFFICERS AT THE IRAQI STAFF COLLEGE.

4. COMMENT: IT IS A FAIR PRESUMPTION THAT GULF
SECURITY ISSUES AROSE DURING COURSE OF SULTAN'S
MEETINGS. IF SO, IT IS LIKELY THAT IRAQIS REITERATED

THEIR OPPOSITION TO ANY KIND OF REGIONAL SECURITY PACT
AND STRESSED THEIR DESIRE FOR CLOSER BILATERAL
COOPERATION AMONG THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF GULF.
ARAB DIPLOMATS ALSO SPECULATE THAT SULTAN MAY HAVE
ASKED HARD QUESTIONS ABOUT IRAQI ATTITUDE TOWARD SOVIET
ROLE IN PDY AND THE HORN.
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